IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Jorge Armando Ayala, et al. DATE: January 24, 2008

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FOR: "Thermally Modified Carbon Blacks for Various Type Applications and a Process for

Producing Same"

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action making a response due by December 24, 2007. Applicant is requesting a one month extension of time to respond, the response due on January 24, 2008. There are currently 11 claims pending in the case. All claims are rejected. This response is being submitted in order to place the case in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows: